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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Michigan Department of Community Health was created through Executive Order 1996-1, to bring together policy, programs and resources that would enable the State to become a more effective purchaser of health care services. The department is made up of components from three formerly separate agencies -- the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health, and the Medical Services Administration, once part of the Family Independence Agency (formerly the Department of Social Services). By subsequent order, the department added the Office of Drug Control Policy, formerly in the Department of Management and Budget.

A general description of the principal organizational components of the department follows:

Office of Drug Control Policy

The director of this office advises the Governor and Executive Office on drug policy. Staff in this office also administer about \$30 million in federal grants to Michigan for drug law enforcement, treatment, education and prevention programs.

Health Legislation and Policy Development

The deputy director and staff manage all legislative analysis and the development of a cohesive health care policy. Internal audit and legal affairs are also functions.

Behavioral Health Administration

The chief executive officer and staff in this administration manage community-related behavioral health services and are responsible for 12 state hospitals and centers as well as forensic mental health services. The administration contracts with 52 community mental health services programs which serve all Michigan counties to assure that services are available to persons with a serious mental illness, developmental disability, or serious emotional disturbance. The administration currently consists of the following major units: Community Mental Health Operations, the Bureau of Community Placement and Residential Services, the Bureau of Hospitals and Centers, and the Bureau of Forensic Mental Health Services.

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Community Public Health Agency

The chief executive officer and staff in this agency partner with local health departments to carry out population-focused and community-based services that assess the health needs of the population, promote and protect health, prevent disease, and assure access to appropriate care for all Michigan citizens. The agency currently consists of the Bureau of Laboratories, the Bureau of Epidemiology, the Bureau of Child and Family Services, the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, the Center for Substance Abuse Services, the Division of HIV/AIDS-STD, the Division of Immunization, the Division of Planning and Evaluation, the Office of the State Registrar, State-Local Affairs, Minority Health, and Internal Audit.

Budget and Finance

The deputy and staff manage all budget and finance components of the department as well as management information systems and management support services.

Medical Services Administration

The chief executive officer and staff in this administration are responsible for the Medicaid program. This includes management of the current system as well as the development and implementation of a new managed care system for Medicaid-funded services. The administration currently consists of five bureaus: Plan Development, Medicaid Policy and Information, Health Services Review, Medicaid Fiscal Review, and Medicaid Operations.

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